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Mayor Healy & Municipal Council Unveil \$20 Million State-of-the-Art Public Safety Communications Center Facility is first city green municipal building to be built

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council** and police and fire department officials unveiled today the city’s new **\$20 million state-of-the-art public safety communications center** that will not only retire the dated “radio room” but will also unite the city’s bravest and finest under one of the best new-age communication networks in the country.

The Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC), is located at 75 Bishop Street and is home to nearly \$5 million worth of the latest communications dispatch technology. The new facility is also described as the first major communications center on the east coast that was constructed using “green” building standards.

The building, which cost approximately \$15 million to construct, is scheduled to received it’s **LEED Silver certification**, which means it meets elite environmental standards for using energy efficiently and for lessening its negative impact or profile on the environment overall.

“This new facility takes our ability to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies out of the dark ages,” said **Mayor Healy**. “And while our ability to respond quickly and smartly has increased immeasurably, we have done it in a building that was constructed with the environment and future generations in mind.”

By using recyclable materials, a planted roof to slow runoff that clogs sewers and heat-impact reducing tiles, the center will be cost efficient to run as well.

“When you consider the smart engineering of this complex, it will cost so much less to heat in the winters or even less to cool in the dog days of summer,” said **Police Director Sam Jefferson**. “And a cost effective comfort zone for the workers who will be there performing sensitive and highly stressful duties only makes sense.”

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In addition to hosting the dispatch centers for both police and fire in the state's second largest city, the center will also be a hub for divisions such as: Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU), Criminal Justice Information Systems Unit (CJIS) for the Jersey City Police Department, and a training center for 911 call takers and dispatchers.

"In today's world, the type of emergency situations we face seem even more unpredictable than ever. By coordinating our communications under this complex, I think it makes our response more uniform and most importantly, timely, for those who are in need," said **Fire Director Armando Roman**.

A highlight of the new structure is the "Communication Room," which allows all call takers, dispatchers and supervisory personnel to virtually respond to any emergency or situation as they strategically interface with one another.

"They say you are only as good as your tools, but we've been a pretty good police and fire department for some time now. Now, our tools have gotten even better," said **Police Chief Tom Comey**. "We've done a lot of work with various county, state and federal agencies and having modern equipment will only enhance that relationship and our abilities to coordinate our joint efforts more effectively."

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